

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A composition comprising
at least one compound **A** having at least two reactive groups selected from the group comprising isocyanate, epoxide, alkoxy silane, and mixtures thereof
and also
at least one polymeric thixotropic agent **B** prepared
by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**
or
by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture possessing an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 4.5,
the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups.
2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polyurethane prepolymer **A3** containing at least two isocyanate groups with at least one compound **AX** which contains an NCO-reactive group, ~~in particular primary or secondary amino group or SH or OH~~, and also one or more epoxide or alkoxy silane groups.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound **A** is obtained by a reaction of a polymer **A3-1** containing at least two isocyanate-reactive groups with at least one compound **AY** which contains an NCO group and also one or more alkoxy silane group.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound A is a compound A1 which is a diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A, bisphenol F, bisphenol A/F, a mixture or an oligomer thereof, ~~preferably bisphenol A diglycidyl ether.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the compound A is a compound A2-1 which is polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two alkoxysilane groups.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the compound A is a compound A2-2 which is polyether containing at least two alkoxysilane groups.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 6, characterized in that the compound A2-2 is obtained by a hydrosilylation reaction from polyether containing at least two C=C double bonds, ~~in particular from allyl terminated polyoxyalkylene polymers, and from a compound $\text{HSi}(\text{R}^1)_a(\text{OR}^2)_{3-a}$, where R^1 and R^2 independently of one another represents a C_1 - C_8 -alkyl radical, in particular methyl or ethyl, and a represents the value 0 or 1, in particular the value 0.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~5 or 6 or 7~~, characterized in that the alkoxysilane groups are trimethoxysilane or triethoxysilane groups, ~~especially trimethoxysilane groups.~~

9. (Original) The composition of claim 1, characterized in that the compound A is a compound A3 which is a polyurethane prepolymer containing at least two isocyanate groups.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim ~~2 or 9~~, characterized in that the polyurethane prepolymer A3 containing isocyanate groups or the polyurethane prepolymer A3-1 containing isocyanate-reactive groups is prepared from the reaction of at least one polyol with at least one polyisocyanate, ~~in particular with at least one diisocyanate.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 10, characterized in that the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol, ~~in particular a polyoxyalkylene diol or triol, in particular a polyoxypropylene diol or triol or an EO-encapped polyoxypropylene diol or triol.~~

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, characterized in that the polyol is a polyoxyalkylene polyol having a degree of unsaturation <0.02 meq/g and a molecular weight M_n of 1000 to 30 000 g/mol.

13. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, characterized in that the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected ~~in particular~~ from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs, ~~and is preferably trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is a copolymer which is prepared from a (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 3.5, ~~in particular between 2.8 and 3.2.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, characterized in that the composition comprises at least traces of the organic free-radical donor used for the free radical polymerization of the (meth)acrylates, ~~in particular an organic peroxide,~~ or derivative reaction products thereof.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 15, characterized in that the organic peroxide has a decomposition temperature $T_{1/2}$ (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C.

17. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 15 ~~or 16~~, characterized in that the organic peroxide is a peroxide of a fatty acid, ~~especially dilauryl peroxide.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the amount of polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is between 0.1% and 10% by weight, ~~in particular between 0.5% and 5% by weight,~~ based on the weight of the composition.

19. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the composition further comprises at least one plasticizer.

20. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 19, characterized in that the plasticizer is a phthalate or an adipate, ~~in particular a dialkyl phthalate or dialkyl adipate,~~ preferably diisodecyl phthalate or dioctyl adipate.

21. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of the preceding~~ ~~claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the composition further comprises at least one filler, ~~especially carbon black.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, characterized in that the amount of filler is between 25% and 50% by weight, ~~in particular between 25% and 45% by weight,~~ preferably between 30% and 40% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition of ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 22~~claim 1, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is added to the compound **A**.

24. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a composition of ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 22~~claim 1, characterized in that the polymeric thixotropic agent **B** is polymerized in the compound **A** from (meth)acrylates.

25. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 24, characterized in that the polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place at a temperature of between 80 and 100°C, ~~in particular between 80 and 90°C.~~

26. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 25, characterized in that the polymerization of thixotropic agent **B** takes place as a result of an organic peroxide having a decomposition temperature $T_{1/2}$ (1h) of between 100°C and 50°C, ~~especially dilauroyl peroxide.~~

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~ A process for enhancing thixotropic properties of a composition, comprising providing said composition with a compound **B** prepared

by homopolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1**,

or

by copolymerizing a (meth)acrylate **B1** with at least one further (meth)acrylate, the (meth)acrylate mixture having an average (meth)acrylate functionality \bar{f} of 2.5 to 4.5, in particular of 2.5 to 3.5, ~~preferably 2.8 to 3.2,~~

the (meth)acrylate **B1** having three or more (meth)acrylate groups, ~~as a thixotropic agent.~~

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~ process of claim 27, characterized in that the (meth)acrylate **B1** contains three, four or five (meth)acrylate groups and is selected in particular from the group comprising glycerol tri(meth)acrylate, tris(2-hydroxyethyl)isocyanurate tri(meth)acrylate, trimethylolpropane tri(meth)acrylate, ditrimethylolpropane tetra(meth)acrylate, pentaerythritol tetra(meth)acrylate, glucose penta(meth)acrylate, sorbitol hexa(meth)acrylate, dipentaerythritol hexa(meth)acrylate, and their ethoxylated or propoxylated analogs, ~~and is preferably trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate.~~

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~A process of adhering, sealing, coating or covering at least one object, comprising applying to said object a composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1 as an adhesive, sealant, coating or covering, ~~in particular as an adhesive or sealant.~~

30. (Currently Amended) An article characterized in that it is in contact with a composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1.

31. (Currently Amended) An article characterized in that it is in frictional contact with a moisture-hardened composition of ~~any one of claims 1 to 22~~claim 1.